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REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the application following receipt of the Notice of Allowance and note that the Examiner has acknowledged a claim for Domestic Priority under 35 USC §120 and/or 121 in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 9, 2004. However, Applicants incorporated by reference and claimed priority in the present application from two provisional applications under 35 USC §119(e). Accordingly, correction of the claim of priority to 35 USC §119(e) is respectfully requested in response to this Amendment After Allowance.

In addition, the specification has been amended at pages 16-17, 31-32 and 42-43 to include the Patent Numbers for applications incorporated by reference which have now issued.

Review of the application also indicates that amendment and correction of claims 4, 12, 22, 24, 70, 83, 104, 117 and 118 is appropriate to clarify the claims and correct obvious omissions, to provide proper reference to prior antecedent bases, or to correct typographical errors.

Claim 4 has been amended to refer to the prior antecedent basis "said second pivot element" present in claim 21 from which this claim now depends.

Claims 12, 24, 70 and 104 have been amended to depend from claims 10, 22, 68 and 102, respectively, in order to provide proper reference to the antecedent bases of "an external spring member" or "a pair of external spring members" which are set forth in claims 10, 22, 68 and 102.

Claims 22, 83 and 117 have each been amended to refer to "an end surface at one end of said support" because that one end had not been previously identified in claims 21, 82, or 116. Accordingly, these claims have been clarified and no longer refer to "said one end of said support" because such language was not present in the claims from which they depend.

Finally, claim 118 has been amended to include the word "including" between "said rearview mirror support" and "a cable-way" for clarification of the claim language and to correct an obvious omission.

Since the present amendments relate to matters of form only, and do not require any further search on the part of the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that they are proper for

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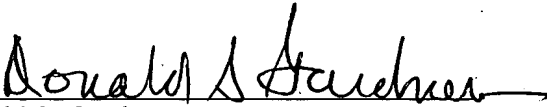
entry and such entry is requested along with a Notice of Approval of the amendments, and a Notice of Correction of the claim of domestic priority under 35 USC §119(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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